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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [001] with the following amended paragraph:

[001] Reference is made to commonly assigned copending patent application Docket No. F-722 serial number 10/674,134 filed [herewith]September 29, 2003, entitled "Method For Postage Evidencing With Cross-Border Mail Tracking Capability And Near Real Time For Terminal Dues Reconciliation" in the names of Ronald P. Sansone and Erik Monsen; and copending patent application serial number 10/673,794 Docket No. F-729 filed [herewith]September 29, 2003, entitled "Method For Postage Evidencing For the Payment Of Terminal Dues Using Radio Frequency Identification Tags" in the names of Ronald P. Sansone and Erik Monsen; and copending patent application serial number 10/674,133 filed September 29, 2003, entitled "Integrated Payment For International Business Reply Mail" in the names of Douglas B. Quine, Ronald P. Sansone and Erik D. N. Monsen.